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Applicant : Cynthia C. Morton et al.      Art Unit : 1648  
Serial No. : 09/394,264      Examiner : Winkler, U.  
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Title : A NOVEL COCHLEAR GENE COCH5B2 AND USES THEREFOR

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE

This is in response to the action mailed September 20, 2000. A request for an appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

At page 1, line 4, please insert with the following paragraph:

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This application claims the benefit of a previously filed Provisional Application No. 60/102,343, filed September 29, 1998, the contents of which is incorporated in its entirety. --

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1, 2 and 4 as follows:

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-- 1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which has at least 85% sequence identity to a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or a complement thereof.

2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, or a complement thereof.

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